

Murfreesboro, Tenn
Jan 29th 1863

Miss R. D. Westfall

In compliance with a promise I made to your brother Ebenezer, I write this letter to inform you of his death. He died at 7 1/2 P.M. of the 26th this month. I was with your brother from the time he was taken prisoner until his death, being wounded & taken myself. Our beds were side by side most of the time. His wound was not thought to be fatal, but the chills and fever set in on him and that with the wounds terminated his life. His comrades in Co. A came in and buried him next day. They procured a coffin which a great many do not get. I have no doubt but some of his friends have written to you before this time informing you of his death, but I felt as if I must write because I had promised him I would do so. In the forenoon of the day he died he called me to his bed side and told me if he should die here I must write to you and let you know it. I told him I would. He was derisious most of the day and would often mention his mother and sister. He was a good soldier on the Battle field and bore his suffering well.

I am very faithfully
your Obedient Serv't
Samuel W. Bird
35th Ills.

Inspector General

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to be executed with this receipt

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I told your daughter. He was de-
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He was perfectly
yesterday, obedient heart
Thank you, Dear
3rd St. Me.

Wm. D. Westfall